MA Deductible Unit

Preface

An application is a request for MA presented by an applicant on a signed combined application form (CAF). An applicant is a person who hasn't been covered by MA for at least a calendar month; or who, if covered, was covered by a benefit that is subject to recovery. A benefit is what the client actually receives when eligible. For AFDC, the benefit is a check; for MA, it's the MA card; for Food Stamps, it's the coupons.

A request for reexamination (RRE) is a request for one or two programs when the 3rd program is in open, pending closed, or "B" closed status for less than a calendar month. Filing an RRE is the same as making an application for the programs being requested.

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01. Is this an application or a request for reexamination of eligibility?

If yes, go to 06.
If no, go to 02.

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02. Is this a 6-month review?

 $\frac{\text{If yes}}{\text{If no}}$ , go to 04.

03. Is this a change in which MA closed for income only?

If yes, set the begin date of the new deductible period as of the 1st day of the month after the month the previous MA certification period ended. Go to the Eligibility/Review Date Unit.

If no, go to 07.

04. Was the previous MA deductible met?

If yes, set the begin date of the new MA deductible period as of the first day of the month after the month the previous MA deductible certification ended. Go to the Eligibility/Review Date Unit.

If no, go to 05.

05. Does the client want the begin date of the new MA deductible period to be the first day of the month after the month the previous MA deductible period expired?

If yes, use this date to set the new MA deductible period. Go to the Eligibility/Review Date Unit.

<u>If no</u>, consider the current month as the month of application. Go to 06.

## 06. Do the following:

- a. Set the date of the MA Deductible periods as of the first day of the month of application (current period) and as of the 1st day of any month back to three months prior to the month of application (backdate period).
- b. Calculate the deductible for both the backdate and current periods separately.
- c. Enter the MA deductible amounts on line 19 of the AFDC-related worksheet, or on line 21 of the EBD-related worksheet (WKST 06). Use a separate column for the backdate and current periods.

Go to the Eligibility/Review Date Unit.

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07. Is this a change before meeting the MA deductible?

If yes, review all eligibility factors. If the case continues to be an MA deductible case, recalculate the deductible. Go to the Eligibility/Review Date Unit.

If no, go to 08.

08. Is this an increase in assets?

If yes, review eligibility. If the group is ineligible, discontinue the MA certification with proper notice.

If no, go to 09.

09. Is this a nonfinancial change?

If yes, review eligibility and do the following:

- a. Discontinue those persons who are nonfinancially ineligible.
- b. If the entire group is ineligible, discontinue the MA certification.
- c. If a child enters the MA group, the child's name will appear on the MA card for the rest of the MA deductible period.
- d. If an adult caretaker relative who is SSI-related or is medically verified as pregnant enters the MA group, that person's name will appear on the MA card for the rest of the MA deductible period. Any other adult caretaker relative cannot enter the MA group.

If no, go to 10.

10. After the MA deductible is met, income changes have no effect for the remainder of the MA deductible period.

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3.1.1 SSI-Related Unit